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Pursuant to the authority in Section 3.1-796.96 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended, the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services hereby adopts the following Guidelines Pertaining to a Pound or Enclosure to be Maintained by Each County or City.

2 VAC 5-110-10. Water supply.

Water for drinking shall originate from a potable source.

2 VAC 5-110-20. Drinking water devices.

Each confinement area shall be provided with a durable non-toxic water bowl or an automatic watering device. Drinking water receptacles or bowls shall be secured in a fixed position or be of the type that cannot be tipped over by the animal.

2 VAC 5-110-30. Solid waste disposal.

The disposal of all solid wastes shall meet the requirements of any applicable local ordinances, state laws, or regulations governing the disposal of solid wastes.

2 VAC 5-110-40. Minimum animal housing standards.

- A. All kennel buildings and enclosures shall provide adequate protection against weather extremes for each animal. The floors and walls of such enclosures, buildings and runs shall be of a surface material that will permit proper cleaning and disinfecting. Building temperature shall be maintained at a temperature comfortable for each animal. Each such building and enclosure shall provide adequate ventilation for each animal and shall be kept clean, dry, and in a sanitary condition.
- B. Animals shall be maintained in quarters to prevent their escape, protect them from injury, and safeguard them from being stolen.
- C. Provisions shall be made for the separation of animals according to species, sex, age, and temperament.

2 VAC 5-110-50. Individual cage construction and size.

- A. Acceptable materials for cage construction are stainless steel, fiberglass, heavy galvanized metal, galvanized wire, or their equivalent. Individual cages shall have solid bottoms.
- B. Pallets or resting boards constructed of a nonporous material may be provided so animals can rest or sleep off the floor.
- C. Primary enclosures for all animals shall be constructed and maintained to provide sufficient space to allow each animal to turn freely and to easily stand, sit, and lie in a comfortable position.

2 VAC 5-110-60. Cleaning of the confinement area.

- A. There shall be faucet and hose connections provided at convenient locations for washing and cleaning the animal housing area.
- B. Disinfectants or germicidal agents shall be used when cleaning the housing or confinement area.

2 VAC 5-110-70. Food preparation and storage area.

Where a food preparation and storage area is maintained for the pound, that area shall be adequately equipped to store and prepare food for animals. The equipment and utensils used in the preparation and serving of food to the animals shall be made of materials which are easily cleanable, noncorrosive, and nontoxic. Bins used to store foods shall provide protection against insects and rodents. Food shall not be stored directly on the floor, but shall be on shelves or pallets a minimum of 12 inches above the floor, or in bins on rollable casters. Perishable food shall be refrigerated or disposed of as necessary. A sink equipped with hot and cold water shall be provided for cleaning equipment and utensils.

2 VAC 5-110-80. Euthanasia.

Euthanasia shall be performed in compliance with methods approved or prescribed by the State Veterinarian.

2 VAC 5-110-90. Disposal in 24 hours.

- A. Unrefrigerated dead animals shall be disposed of within 24 hours by burial, incineration, or other methods acceptable to the Department of Health. Dead animals may be refrigerated and accumulated for disposal by an approved method.
- B. No animal shall be buried, incinerated, or otherwise disposed of until it has been positively determined that death has occurred.

2 VAC 5-110-100. Isolation and observation area.

Provisions shall be made for a designated and marked observation and isolation area for incoming animals which are ill or suspected of being ill. These animals shall be confined separately in this area and held a minimum of 48 hours before being placed in the main housing area.

2 VAC 5-110-110. Approval of plans and specifications.

In order to facilitate uniform interpretation and application of these guidelines, it is strongly recommended that each county or city submit plans and specifications to the Department for review and approval prior to beginning new construction or renovation projects. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will provide assistance and advice concerning the adequacy of minimum housing and individual cage construction.